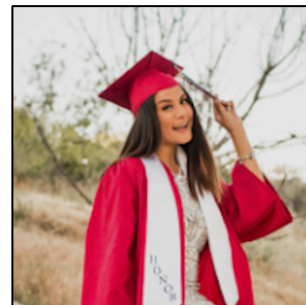


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## Jelissa Hansen Class of 2016



After graduating from SMA in 2016, I embarked on a new endeavor at Steele Canyon High School. I was active in every avenue of the school from athletics to student leadership, all things I did at SMA as well. This place helped me discover my passion for health and wellness and find a voice for myself as I continue to grow.

Unfortunately, my senior year experience was cut short due to COVID-19, yet this was not the end. I graduated from SCHS in an unconventional, but memorable way with my family by my side and welcomed the new chapter in Phoenix, AZ. I went on to attend Grand Canyon University where I am currently a senior studying Nutritional Sciences. I served on the Associated Students of CU for the last 3 years and have been a fitness instructor for the last 2. As my time here ends, however, I plan to return to San Diego, take a gap year, and apply to Physician Assistance school.



Saint Martin's will forever be a place I hold near and dear to my heart. Memories from this place continue to be remembered even now, 8 years later. One fond memory was in third grade when my classmates and I were fascinated with the idea of performing plays for our teacher and the rest of our class. We had created "Mouse Trap", don't ask me what this was about nor who played what, but let me tell you this was a hit. So much so, that we went to fourth grade and created College Kids: Life at College. Now that I am in college, it is safe to say nothing we imagined was happening. Nonetheless, SMA is a part of my story and is a place that will forever be in my heart.

